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AN AGE LIMIT FOR JUDGES.

The principal recommendation in the first annual report of Attorney General McCreary is that Congress enact that when a judge of a Federal court reaches the age of 70 years he shall be eligible for reappointment...

The proposal is interesting, although its adoption is improbable. The question at issue is: Do judges who have passed the patriarchal age unduly delay litigation and hold judgments in suspense unnecessarily?

The subject is not one for generalization, for there have been too many instances where men long past the proposed age limit have retained their physical and intellectual vigor unimpaired.

Do we want cheaper prices in Richmond? Let us have a good market and let us visit it.

UNLOCK ALASKA.

A duty faces us with regard to Alaska which seems to me very pressing and very imperative. Alaska, as a storehouse, should be unlocked.

Little is generally known of the magnificent resources and possibilities of the Territory, which the nation acquired in 1867 from Russia.

The editors of the North Carolina Weekly Press are trying to deliver a remedy for low subscription rates.

These editors of the paper put are now in a parlous state everywhere. Year after year their troubles have multiplied faster than their subscription lists.

The aggregate value of exports and imports between Alaska and the United States for the fiscal year 1912 was \$5,550,571.

Development of this immense rich region is indeed imperative. For nearly half a century it has been practically closed under a narrow and restrictive governmental policy.

The Charlotte Observer proposes a debate on the negro question to be held in Charlotte, South Carolina, Friday, July 10, of the New York Evening Post.

A minister proposes that the churches teach young women how to pick their husbands. How to avoid a bad one, as it were.

Another prominent churchman. A majority of the members of the House and Senate are actually in Washington during a session.

The new Queen of Alaska weighs 236 pounds. We doubt not that she sits upon a tottering throne.

DO NOT FORGET THE MARKET.

Since the Administrative Board deferred action on the proposal to abandon the meat market at Sixth and Marshall and to house the butchers with the hucksters under the Blues' Armory, we have heard nothing further of the matter.

The truth is, the city has so neglected the Second Market, and has so confined the hucksters that this old landmark of the city seems in danger of passing.

The first mistake was made in our judgment, when the Market Committee ordered the removal of the stalls from beneath the canopy of the meat market.

A second and a more serious mistake was made when the market under the armory was enclosed and equipped with heavy doors.

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WHY IS SANTA CLAUS OLD?

A little girl from the Southwest wrote Postmaster-General Burleson a few days ago and wanted to know if Santa Claus would fetch her home.

Why is Santa Claus old—can our readers tell us? When we describe the saint to our children, we tell them he is an old man, with a long white beard, twinkling eyes, a round patch and a gray beard.

From Marselles the American Vice-consul-general reports that "owing to the continuous rise in the price of lavender essence, the acreage devoted to the cultivation of lavender flowers has increased considerably."

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Our Old Railroads. To the Editor of the Times-Dispatch: Sir—Your issue of December 7, a writer states that when Colonel Mosby North mentioned in the United States...

At that time the "Central" was a road which crossed the Chesapeake before the period of which I speak.

What is the origin of the name of Chesterfield County, Va. G. E. WRAY.

The ultimate reason for a name, as we know, is generally passed on in honor of Philip Donnan Stanhope, a title name came probably from a combination of the South European word...

What compensation do railroads, etc., get for carrying the mails, and how are the contracts let? R. E. RAY.

Religious Manifestos. Please give me the names and addresses of the principal religious societies of Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches in the city of Richmond, Va. H. T. RAINY.

How to get a Carnegie medal. Go up to the first fifteen people you meet on the street, strangers or acquaintances, and whisper into the ear of each "They've found out all about it," and refuse to explain. If you survive, you ought to get the lead badge of courage.

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WHAT WAS NEWS FIFTY YEARS AGO

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From the Valley. The War Department advises that with heavy force of artillery the enemy is advancing on Lewisburg.

From the last accounts, it is believed that this movement was made with the design of destroying the large iron furnaces along the river in that region.

Capture. Two companies of our cavalry were captured by the enemy on Sunday morning near Charles City Courthouse.

Secretary of War's Report. The Secretary of War of the United States reports that the negroes get \$10 and the whites \$11 per month.

Congress. In the Senate, Mr. Maxwell, of Florida, introduced a bill to reduce speculation, hoarding and extortion in the coal and oil business.

From the North. The wife of ex-President Pierce died on the 14th.

Views of the Virginia Editors

"Bob" At Rest. Sixty thousand traveled miles of faithful service to the people of Rockingham County was the record of the rural mail delivery horse...

Thou dark despair; I've seen thy victims gaze nor seeking for a star.

Not Too Severe. "Is the whipping-post too severe for the whip-wearer?" asks the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Simplify Justice. The Virginia State Bar Association is making an earnest effort to bring about the simplification, expedition and cheapening of the procedure in the courts in this State.

House No Object. A member of the General Assembly has announced that he will introduce a bill at the next session providing for the construction of a new executive mansion some distance away from the Capitol grounds.

Treat for Senator's Birds. Senator and Mrs. John W. Kern, whose country home is in Carvins Cove, near Hollins Institute, are preparing to give their birds and squirrels and other wild denizens of their farm a big Christmas treat.

Licensing "Fortune Tellers." The Council of Richmond has adopted an ordinance providing that "it shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or company of persons to practice or offer to practice palmistry, or in any other manner to pretend to tell fortunes, and to receive therefor any money, gift, gratuity or other reward of valuable thing."

A Subject for a Monument. No one who walks through the Valley of Virginia can fail to notice the monuments that rise on every hand.

Indisputable. The White Sulphur Springs was the center of attention, of course, but the groom had the satisfaction of knowing that they couldn't have pulled off the wedding without him.—Bristol Herald-Courier.

Young Vet. Fruit trees are blooming in Brunswick County, but they probably are young and inexperienced.—Petersburg Index-Appal.

Two's a Party. Perhaps Senator Beveridge's sense of loneliness will pass and the need for a partner will be supplied upon the return of the Progressive party from South America.—South Boston News.

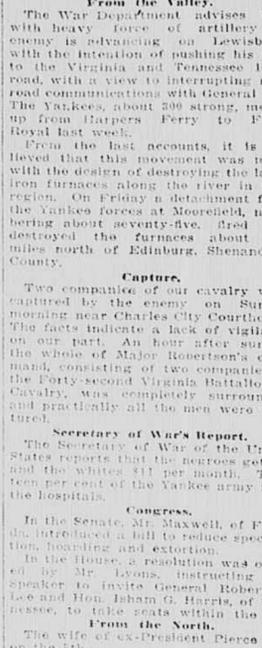
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Just now Two Strikes, the Bronx club, died at home, we are unable to congratulate unless a runner was brought napping.

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